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H.Res. 1324 – Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security

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## FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1324 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bart Stupak (D-MI) on July 8, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1324 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

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## SUMMARY

H.Res. 1324 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of National Night Out; and
- Requests that the President--
  - issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for National Night Out;
  - focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing the Administration to make crime reduction an important priority; and
  - coordinate the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the USA Freedom Corps, the Citizen Corps, the National Senior Service Corps, and AmeriCorps to participate in National Night Out by supporting local efforts and neighborhood watches and by supporting local officials, including law enforcement personnel, to provide homeland security and combat terrorism in the United States.

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## BACKGROUND

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out event will be held on August 5, 2008. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is a crime and drug prevention event. The event aims to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anticrime programs, and strengthen neighborhood police-community partnerships. National Night Out often brings together law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials for the event.

Last year, over 35 million people in the United States participated in the annual event. This year, National Night Out will be supporting the Department of Homeland Security's "Ready Campaign" by distributing materials and educating the public on how to prepare for and respond to major emergencies or terrorist attacks.

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